

109

Leicester,
Oct. 21/68.

Dear friend Garrison,

I am quite anxious to know if Mr. Webb & daughter have reached you safely. We have heard of their leaving Syracuse, but the day of their leaving was not named. His plan was, to go to New York, taking boat down the river, & stay there several days; - thence, if I understood his note, to Providence probably, to consult a physician there as to Deborah's lameness. But Mrs. May tells me you were expecting them to come, pretty directly, from N.Y.K. to your house. He will feel, I suspect, more at home there, than anywhere else he has been. He dreads locomotion so much, that I shall feel very glad to hear that he has safely reached your house, - & I trust he may have borne ^{the travel} ~~it~~ better than he feared.

And we suppose that, by
today, Miss Estlin is re-established
in her own house again.

I hoped to have found time to
go out to your house last week; but
I could not. We had left our own
house in care of a lady who needed
to be relieved by Saturday, and so I
returned home that morning, — keeping
a sort of bachelor's hall until
Monday p.m.

Among a pile
of matter which I read in those still
days was your article on J. D. Adams
in the "Independent". It is a well-
earned rebuke, on his part; — but the
fellow has really said some good plain
words to those rebel brethren of his, —
better than I supposed he would.

To think of an Adams supporting Horatio
Seymour & F. P. Blair jr., & fraternizing
with Wade Hampton! — Isn't
it charming to see the confusion in
the "Democratic" ranks? how great

it is, nothing could prove so strongly
as the proposition to withdraw
their Candidates & put up others!
Judgment against themselves already
confessed! The handwriting on the
wall already visible! They
think to escape their doom, by
putting on another mask & cloak.
Entirely in vain. The "cloven foot"
will be sure to stick out. The
"Democratic" party of to-day is only
the Rebel Army of the War and its
Copperhead Allies, with concealed
weapons, instead of openly arming;

I shall be very glad of a
line from you. I don't expect to be in
Boston before Monday or Tuesday of
next week, & quite likely not for a day
or two later. Best regards to
Mrs. G. & all your family, and to
Mr. Webb & Deborah if with you.

Truly Yrs

Saml May Jr

Is Roxbury the correct P.O. address
now, - or that ill-chosen misnomer
"Boston Highlands"? 2

I was very sorry not to hear
Mr. Motley's address; - but have
been reading it with very great
satisfaction this evening.